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June 16, 2021

Ms. Jocelyn D. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: *Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds pursuant to 47 CFR §54.314 and Telecommunications Act § 254(e); FCC CC Docket No. 96-45*
SC Docket 2021-14-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

This letter is to request that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") certifying that Windstream South Carolina, LLC is in compliance with all provisions of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The amount of federal high-cost and CAF support Windstream South Carolina, LLC ("Windstream") received in 2020 will be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. §54.101(a) and the federal high-cost and CAF support that Windstream will receive in 2021 will be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. §54.101(a) and, as the attached affidavit shows, Windstream certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost and CAF support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

The FCC's rules require that, in order for carriers to receive the federal support for which they are eligible, state commissions file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. If certification is not received by the FCC on or prior to October 1, 2021 federal support for universal service in the areas serviced by Windstream within South Carolina will not be eligible for support in the first quarter of 2022. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d).

Windstream respectfully requests that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavit as self-certification that Windstream is in compliance with 47 C.F.R. §54.314 and 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2021 certifying that Windstream South Carolina, LLC is in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Act and therefore eligible to receive federal high-cost and CAF support in 2022.

Sincerely,



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AFFIDAVIT

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Tim Loken, who deposed and said:

My name is Tim Loken. I am employed by Windstream South Carolina, LLC as Director of Regulatory Reporting. I am an officer of Windstream South Carolina, LLC (the "Company") and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

Windstream South Carolina, LLC hereby certifies that it used the federal high-cost and CAF support in 2020 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended and will only use the federal high-cost and CAF support it receives during 2022 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

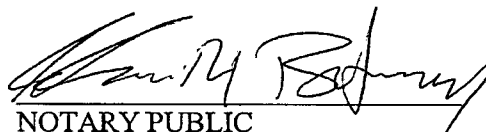
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Tim Loken
Director – Regulatory Reporting

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Acknowledged before me this 16th day of June 2021, by Tim Loken, as Director of Regulatory Reporting for Windstream South Carolina, LLC who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.



NOTARY PUBLIC
Susanne M Bardsley
Printed Name of Notary



Personally Known ☒
Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____